

## DIMITRIOS OIKONOMOU

Dimitrios Oikonomou lives in London.

Currently he is on his last year of studies, he is doing a professional doctorate in fine arts at the University of East London, the highest academic degree in Fine Arts in United Kingdom. In 2016 he was one of the laureates of International Emerging Artist Award (Gallery Award Show).

In 2012 Dimitrios finished his MA in Fine Arts at City and Guilds of London Art School. In his final MA show he presented paintings which introduced Nietzsche's philosophy to his art. After completing his MA, continued his academic studies by being accepted to work on a Professional Doctorate in Fine Arts at University of East London. Since then he has participated in many shows, residencies and international programs. As a result he has exhibited his work on numerous occasions in United Kingdom, Greece, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Qatar and Serbia.

Dimitrios paintings examine the poetic function of the image and its discourse. Engagement with the image has played a decisive role in the formulation of the very idea of philosophy since Plato. His paintings try to respond to that philosophical question, because an image lives in a painting in the most direct way. Dimitrios try to reflect and make connections on the larger topics in the realm of thought, by focusing on Heidegger, Nietzsche, Deleuze and other thinkers.

Furthermore, he tries to connect German philosophic metaphysics with the relationship between logos and image in his portraits. His abstract forms have a nihilistic nature, which work as a metaphor for the Nietzschean theory of transformation found in the Birth of Tragedy as well as the indicator for the European Nihilism.

### Group exhibitions

June 2008 Central gallery, Ioannina, painting, photography

Oct 2009 Central gallery, Ioannina, photography

Sept/Dec 2010 Ioannina Art Festival painting photography

Sept/Dec 2013 Art Arising, Tower Gallery, London, paintings

Jan/Feb 2014 Kilburn Grange Park, an exhibition celebrated its 100 year anniversary, London, paintings

April 2014 Directional forces Artoll, Ozone Gallery, Belgrade, painting

June 2014 Opening of Tag-Bxl Gallery, Tag-Bxl Gallery, Belgium, paintings

Nov 2014 Losing Control, The Control Room, Bristol, paintings

Feb 2015 Outsider Exhibition, Candit Art Trust, London, paintings

July 2015 Self Identities - Faces. Spaces, Palazzo Ca'Zanardi, Venice, painting

### Solo exhibition

Aug 2015 Solo exhibition in Cultural Centre of Ioannina, Ioannina, paintings

May 2016 TAG bxl Gallery, RIOT Statement on our times, Brussels, Belgium